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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SENDING \$90,000 TO CLAREMONT FOR DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION EFFORT

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH), a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, today announced that Claremont will soon be getting \$90,000 to assist the City's efforts in strengthening its local economy by enhancing the historic downtown area. The funding will capitalize a revolving loan fund to help fund downtown improvements such as building facade improvements. The funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2003 Omnibus appropriations bill, which was given final Congressional approval earlier this month and was signed by the President last week.

Senator Gregg stated, "The City of Claremont faces a challenging task in trying to preserve its heritage and unique character while at the same time attracting economic development and luring businesses to the area. This funding will assist the City in undertaking improvements to the downtown area and I am pleased to be able to help out."

City Manager Guy Santagate stated, "This is wonderful news for Claremont. This appropriation for the Main Street Initiative is a crucial component of the City's efforts to revitalize our downtown. It is reassuring to know that Senator Gregg is personally working to assist Claremont through the Congressional Appropriations process. The Brown Block project has support from the Mayor and City Council, and Senator Gregg's support is vital to ensuring the success of this important redevelopment effort."

Mark Aldrich, Economic Development Director for Claremont, stated, "These funds will be used to facilitate the redevelopment of Claremont's downtown and are crucial to the success of that effort. Senator Gregg has always been a strong supporter of Claremont's economic development efforts, and this is another example of how he is working in Washington to help improve Claremont's economic climate."

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Mayor Jim Neilsen IV stated, "Senator Gregg's support of Claremont's economic development initiatives is crucial to the City's continued economic recovery. I want to congratulate

and personally thank Senator Gregg for his direct attention and assistance to Claremont. I look forward to working with Senator Gregg and his outstanding New Hampshire staff on this and other important funding initiatives for Claremont.”

Anthony Lyons, Executive Director of Main Street Claremont, stated, “This appropriation will leverage additional investment in our downtown and could potentially help with ADA and other compliance issues. I want to thank Senator Gregg for his leadership on heritage preservation. Claremont’s historic character will be enhanced and preserved through the kind of adaptive reuse this grant will promote.”

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